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In re Application of
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PCT No.: PCT/SG98/00011

Int. Filing Date: 13 February 1998

Priority Date: None

Attorney's Docket No.: Q-58912

For: System and Method for High Speed,
High Volume Tabulation of Data

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: PETITION UNDER
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: 37 CFR 1.137(b)
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR § 1.137(b)" filed on 30 June 2000.

BACKGROUND

This international application was filed on 13 February 1998. The International Bureau transmitted a copy of the published international application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 19 August 1999. A Demand electing the United States was filed on 08 October 1999, which was later than 19 months from the international filing date. Accordingly, the twenty-month time period to pay the basic national fee in the United States expired as of midnight on 13 October 1999. This international application became abandoned with respect to the United States for failure to timely pay the required basic national fee.

Applicant filed the instant petition on 30 June 2000. The petition was accompanied by the required petition fee, the basic national fee, a transmittal letter and an executed declaration.

DISCUSSION

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by (1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application; (2) the petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this

paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20 (d)) required pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section. The instant petition satisfies all of requirements (1)-(4) and is therefore grantable.

DECISION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for continued processing, including the preparation and mailing of a Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903). The 35 USC 102(e) and 35 USC 371 date of this application is **30 June 2000**.



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